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## JUDGE ARCHIBALD DIES SUDDENLY

Remains Were Carried To Wolfe City Wednesday, December 27. For Interment.

Judge W. S. Archibald was stricken with apoplexy Monday morning at 11:30 o'clock, as he started up the first flight of stairs at the court house. He had started up to the county attorney's office, and was found a few seconds later on the first landing. Medical aid was given him, and he was rushed to the Memorial hospital, where he expired at 2:00 o'clock. Everything that medical skill and loving care could accomplish was done for him but all in vain. Although he had just recently returned from Mineral Wells, where he had gone for his health, as he has been ailing slightly, his death came unexpectedly and was a severe shock to his loved ones, as well as friends.

Apparently enjoying good health and a few minutes before he was stricken, was enjoying the companionship of loved ones and friends, his death sent a pall of sadness over the entire city when the news became known. Only a few minutes before his stricken form was found at the court house, he had been down town with friends, making some purchases of Christmas gifts, which he was preparing to deliver and it was when he was on this errand of love and enjoying the spirit of fellowship and the glad Christmas season that he was taken. What a sweet way to go, and yet, it was just typical of his good Christian man. Always thinking of others, working for others, and others, and this was his greatest joy in life—to make others happy. His life was built on service, the kind that makes the world a better place in which to live. Few men in Durant were better loved than Judge Archibald, for he was actively interested in every part of the church work and the work of helping the city in which he lived. His purse was always open to either cause, and on last Sunday he was among the Goodfellows when they went out to distribute the packages to the poor of the city and that was the kind of life he loved best and he was happiest when serving others.

Judge Archibald had been a member of the Presbyterian church since early manhood and at his death was an elder in the First Presbyterian church of this city. And it is in the church that he will be missed most. His life was dedicated to the work of the Master, and he was fully prepared to make the journey "to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns," for his every day was an exemplification of the Christian religion and his life a benediction to all who came in contact with him.

Walter Scott Archibald was born in Dyer county, Tennessee, in 1859, and moved to Pierce City, Mo., in 1872. In early manhood he moved to Wolfe City Texas, where he was united in marriage in 1883 to Miss Belle Rashner.

After only a few years of happy married life the good wife answered the call of her Master and her remains were laid to rest in the Wolfe City cemetery, and the husband will now be laid away by her side. To this union four children were born, all of whom were present Monday when the sad end came. They are: Sam Archibald and Walter Archibald of Durant; Mrs. Verna Werrell of Tulsa and Mrs. Ollie James of Durant. After the death of his wife, he moved with his children to Purdy, Mo., where he resided until he came here eleven years ago. Besides the devoted and loving children, he is survived by one sister, Mrs. Fannie Carlin of Tulsa; one brother, Frank, of Joplin, Mo., and grandchildren, Paul and Rhea Washington, Ollie James, Jr., and Ann Rose and Bob Archibald and Mrs. Eula Grubb, a cousin, at Ardmore.

A brother-in-law, Mr. J. L. Dashner, and his wife, live in this city.

All of his children, with the grandchildren, and his sister, Mrs. Carlin, were here for Christmas, and it had been a happy one for him, as he had remarked that he had all of his loved ones with him again, and within a few hours he had passed on to that home not made by hands, eternal in the heavens.

His death will be universally mourned and the sympathy of the citizenship of the city is extended to the bereaved and sorrowing ones in this their hour of sadness.

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## ANOTHER LEAD MINING FIELD TO BE OPENED

The Devils Hollow section is the next field that is to be developed in connection with the Oklahoma-Kansas zinc and lead mining. This is according to W. C. Miller and T. C. Young, of Miami, who with W. F. Angel, Frank Wray and J. L. Stroup, of the Devils Hollow country, are acting as scouts for the Chanute Smelting company, a company subsidiary to the American Metals company in obtaining leases in that section totaling 5,000 acres.

The new Devils Hollow country lies east of the Spring river, east of Quapaw, where the Charles M. Schwab interests have taken an option on 2,700 acres and about a dozen mills. It has always been known that there were beds of ore there, but the fact that the water in that section will be strong enough to make mining out of the question except with companies with unlimited capital has kept the prospectors from making any special headway. The water is of the artesian type, in some cases spurting from the ground from wells not more than 150 feet in depth. Ore is found in some places from the grass roots on down as far as anyone has gone with their tests.

## PRELIMINARY HEARING OF FRANK HARRIS IS POSTPONED

The preliminary hearing of Frank Harris, on a charge of murder in connection with the death of Frank Hall at Armstrong three weeks ago, which was to have been held here Wednesday before Judge W. S. Archibald, has been indefinitely postponed.

Harris is alleged to have shot Hall to death at a dance at the home of J. M. Everett near Armstrong after a fight in which several men participated. It is likely the preliminary will be transferred to the court of Judge Chas. A. Phillips.

## MARRIED 5 MINUTES

A California woman quit her husband cold 5 minutes after the wedding because she didn't like his looks. No woman should rush into matrimony without giving the bridegroom at least a 10-minutes' survey. Husbands cannot be exchanged at the bargain counter—at least not yet.

## PREMIUMS FOR POULTRY SHOW

Readers will recall that in last week's issue of the News the article about the big poultry show to be held in Hugo, January 11, 12 and 13, failed to give the Premiums, as at that time they had not been decided on.

The Show is open to any pure-bred chickens, for which the best pen will receive premiums as follows: pen consisting of three hens and one cockerel: First prize, \$4.00; Second prize \$3.00; Third prize \$2.00; Fourth and Fifth prizes, ribbons to be given. For individual birds, Cockerels: First prize \$1.00; Second prize 50c; Third and Fourth prizes, ribbons to be given. Hens will receive the same.

The Southeastern counties that will be represented at the show, are: Bryan, Choctaw, Pushmataha and McCurtain.

The poultry show is calculated to increase interest in more and better poultry by showing the best representative birds in the district and by giving publicity to the great profits to be derived by poultry raising. All the counties interested already have quite a number of people actively interested in pure-bred poultry, and it is hoped to interest many more people in the business.

Saturday afternoon at 2:30 in the county Farm Agents office in the Chamber of Commerce rooms in Durant, a meeting will be held for the purpose of organizing a Bryan County Poultry Association.

All persons interested in the raising of more and better poultry should be present. Many things of great interest will be discussed. Everyone who possibly can is urged to be present so that the organization may be formed.

## MASKED HIGHWAYMEN TAKE CASH AND DIAMOND RING.

Two masked highwaymen held up an automobile party about two miles south of Stringtown, in Atoka county, about 8 o'clock Monday night, escaping with several hundred dollars in cash and a diamond ring. Victims of the highwaymen were tourists passing through. Sheriff Phillips with a posse, is searching for the robbers.

## DOG HELPED TO CONVICT SLAYER

Carl Howery, one of the thirty-one prisoners in the state penitentiary at McAlester who were given "Christmas paroles" by Governor Robertson, was the man whom a crippled cur dog helped to convict in the district court of Brady county twelve years ago.

Howery was convicted at Chickasha Nov. 4, 1910, on a charge of murdering Ed Morris, an Anadarko teamster, with whom Howery was making an overland trip to Kansas.

Morris' three-legged cur dog which followed his dead master's team and wagon to El Reno figured prominently in the trial of Howery. Because of the unusual manner in which the small canine trailed the canvas-covered wagon, officers and detectives were able to trace Howery to El Reno where he was arrested and brought back to Chickasha to answer to the charge.

At the time of the trial, prosecuting attorneys admitted that the crippled dog materially aided them in surrounding Howery with the net of strong circumstantial evidence. Had it not been for the dog and the very valuable and attractive set of harness which Morris purchased just a short time before his death, they probably would never have been able to bring the investigation to a successful conclusion.

In every community through which the dead man's team and wagon passed were remembered by the attractive harness and the crippled dog. This enabled prosecuting attorneys to show the complete route of the "death wagon" from the time of the murder to the time of its being sold in El Reno.

## POTATOES 20 CENTS A BUSHEL

Wisconsin potato growers must accept 20 cents a bushel—less than the cost of seed, production and marketing—or let them rot. Wisconsin's 37-million-bushel crop, if sold, would bring only 11 million dollars, which Wisconsin's department of markets says is scarcely onethird the value of the 1921 crop. How many town men would be willing to dig and sort a bushel of potatoes for 20 cents, not to speak of growing them? Not many.

## MRS. CARPENTER'S HOME IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

The fine home of Mrs. Lucy A. Carpenter, at 724 West Elm Street and its entire contents were completely destroyed by fire Wednesday morning about 3 o'clock and a number of other homes were endangered by the flames, which was fanned into a fury by a high northwest wind.

The home of M. E. Boyet, which stands next door, was given up for lost one time when the furnace of flames from the Carpenter house were carried to the roof by the strong wind, but an extraordinary fight by the firemen saved it and controlled the fire which caught on the roof several times.

The origin of the blaze is unknown as Mrs. Carpenter and children were not at home, but it is supposed that the defective electric wiring caused it as the roof was first to burst into flames. When the alarm was turned in, the fire had made such headway that it could not be controlled, but by attaching the pumper to one of the mains, the firemen were able to keep the blaze from spreading to adjoining houses.

Nothing was saved from the house. The total loss will run about \$4,500. Insurance on the house amounted to \$1,500 and insurance on the furniture was \$1,600.

## LITTLE SON OF MR. AND MRS. J. M. ETCHIESON DIES

Wayne, the five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Etchieson, died at his home Monday morning of ptomaine poisoning. The little fellow had been in the best of health and had accompanied his father to Sherman the previous day to visit Ben Risner, who is there in a hospital. While there he ate something, which gave him the poison and he passed away early in the morning. The funeral was held at the family residence Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock and the remains were laid to rest at Highland Cemetery. The sympathies of all go out to the bereaved parents in their sad loss.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Summerton.

We met a remarkable man the other day. He could name every member of President Harding's cabinet.

## HUNGRY WOLVES DEVOUR THREE

Aged Trapper and Two Indians are Devoured After A Desperate Battle

A great roving band of hungry timber wolves have devoured three men in Port Arthur, Ontario, according to meagre reports sifting in Thursday from the snow-covered trails of the Sturgeon River country. These reports told of a losing battle fought by two Indians after a white trapper had been downed and killed.

Last Saturday an elderly trapper left his cabin in the woods seventy miles north of Ignace to mush down to the settlement for his Christmas mail. He arrived in safety. There was no mail, however, and the old man said he would come back Christmas morning.

At noon he had not arrived. The postmaster sent two Indians to follow the trail until they found him. About two miles from the settlement the Indians found a spot pounded down in the snow and crimson hued. Bits of dog harness, torn to shreds, were scattered about. In the midst of them the Indians found human bones. They hastened back to report their discovery.

The lure of the bounty on wolves, however, urged the Indians to take the trail again with extra ammunition. They sped behind their dog team into the woods as the villagers waved good-bye. They did not return.

Wednesday a new searching party departed. They found another party trodden in the snow about two miles beyond the first.

The two guns the Indians had carried were lying there, and scattered about were bones, bits of clothing and empty shells.

The carcasses of sixteen dead wolves lay stretched in a circle about the trampled patch of snow.

## GOV. ROBERTSON GRANTS PAROLES AND PARDONS TO 31

By executive order Governor Robertson, Christmas Day, paroled and pardoned a total of 31 convicts from the State Penitentiary at McAlester.

Authorization for twenty-one paroles to prisoners in the penitentiary was given by Governor Robertson Saturday, as his annual Christmas list. Each of them had been convicted of murder or manslaughter.

The other ten, consisted of one pardoned and nine paroles. They were issued in the regular routine of business, and were, for the most part, signed by Acting Governor Trapp, on the authority of Governor Robertson.

Lewis Paulin, state pardon and parole attorney, who has been besieged by relatives and friends of state prisoners for the last two weeks, did not get the Christmas list completed until late Saturday. He immediately made the recommendations to Governor Robertson, who signed the paroles and telegraphed the list to the warden at the penitentiary, so that it could reach him in time to release the men on Christmas day.

## SUIT BY FRANK KELL REVIVES HAMON SPLIT

The rupture between the late Jake L. Hamon and his associate Frank Kell of Wichita Falls, Texas, over the building of a railroad through the Texas oil fields bobbed up in United States district court at Muskogee Tuesday more than two years after the bullet from a pistol in the hands of Clara Smith ended the life of the Ardmore oil man and politician.

In a petition filed Tuesday Kell asks \$80,000 with interest from November 18 of this year from Frank Ketch, president of the Wichita Falls, Ranger and Fort Worth railroad company and administrator of Jake L. Hamon's estate.

## DIED WITHOUT AWAKENING

At dawn a recent morning as William Campbell returned from his night work, he saw a crumpled form on the sidewalk, in front of his Philadelphia home. Lifting the body he saw it was his wife's. She had walked from the second to the third floor and through a French Window while asleep. Physicians believe she died without awakening. Persons who wake in sleep have an overactive subconscious mind. Its chance to take full charge of the body is when the objective or reasoning mind is off duty, or slumber too soundly. We are not quite "all here" unless we are broad awake something that applies to many things than sleep walking.

# ODDS and ENDS

After Christmas we always have some cleaning up to do. In this cleaning up of odds and ends you will find some very useful articles you always need and the prices are sure enough low.

This Clean up Includes---

Men's Clothing

Boy's Clothing

Ladies' Ready-to-wear

And Many Other Articles

So come and get your share of the treat.

Have you tried the  
HENDERSO

DUR

Click-Houghton Dry Goods  
COMPANY

ASH AND SAVE YOU MONEY"

Don't Forget Our  
"PETERS SHOES"

OKLAHOMA